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SUBJECT: FRG ISSUANCES OF NUCLEAR LICENSES TO BRAZIL

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1. IN THE WAKE OF THE GERMAN DECISION TO ISSUE PRELIMINARY
EXPORT LICENSES FOR REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT BLUEPRINTS,
WE HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF WHAT IS ADMITTEDLY A DIFFICULT
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SITUATION.

2. FRG HAS AGREED TO USE IN ITS PRESS GUIDANCE THE
MATERIAL PROPOSED TO VON STADEN YESTERDAY BY DEPUTY
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. ALTHOUGH FRG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BE RESTRAINED IN ITS PUBLIC USE OF THIS MATERIAL, GUIDANCE
APPARENTLY WILL BE PASSED TO THE BRAZILIANS IN SOME FORM.

3. BRAZILIAN AWARENESS OF CLOSE US-FRG CONSULTATIONS, CONCERN THAT US MAY NOT HAVE PRESSED OBJECTIONS TO THE LICENSES IN QUESTION AFTER BECOMING CONVINCED THAT THIS STEP WAS NOT "IRREVERSIBLE" AND AFTER BEING REASSURED THAT MATERIAL WAS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, AND CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY OVER FUEL FOR BRAZIL'S REACTORS WILL, WE HOPE, SUSTAIN DOUBTS IN THE MINDS OF GOB OFFICIALS OVER THE FUTURE OF THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

4. AS OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES, YOU WILL WISH TO REINFORCE THESE DOUBTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. THIS WILL HELP SUSTAIN MOVEMENT TOWARD FURTHER US-GOB DISCUSSIONS. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AND SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DRAW UPON. OBVIOUSLY, SOME ARE BEST USED WITH FORMIN SILVEIRA, OTHERS WITH PRESIDENTIAL AND OTHER OFFICES.

-- WE ASSUME THAT FRG ISSUANCE OF THE FIRST STAGE OF NUCLEAR EXPORT LICENSES WILL PROVE HELPFUL IN TERMS OF YOUR POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EASE THE PRESSURES ON EACH OF OUR GOVERNMENTS.

-- WE TOOK THIS IN TO ACCOUNT (ALONG WITH POINTS MADE IN PRESS GUIDANCE) IN OUR REACTION TO THE TRANSFER. OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION IS THAT OUR DECISION WILL INCREASE THE POSSIBILITIES OF CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

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-- WE FELT CONFIRMED IN THIS BY THE CONSTRUCTIVE, PRIVATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN.

-- WE ARE CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING TOWARD A SOLUTION MEETING THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF ALL CONCERNED PARTIES. IN PARTICULAR, ANY SOLUTION SHOULD RESPOND FULLY TO BRAZIL'S ENERGY NEEDS AND POLITICAL IMPERATIVES. IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST AS ATTRACTIVE AS THE OTHER OPTIONS OPEN TO BRAZIL.

-- WE CAN MEET PRIVATELY WHENEVER AND WHEREVER CONVENIENT, ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN OUR RECENT NON-PAPER. WE ARE OPEN TO YOUR IDEAS OR COUNTER-PROPOSALS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO BEYOND THE PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY OUR SIDE LAST MONTH.

5. WOULD APPRECAITE EMBASSY VIEWS ON WHETHER BRAZILIANS

WOULD BE WILLING TO RESPOND PUBLICLY AND POSITIVELY TO
PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR POWER STATEMENT, E.G. CALL FOR
INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION.
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